

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 OTTAWA 00049 081757Z

67

ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 IO-10 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00

DOT-00 FMC-01 INR-07 NSAE-00 RSC-01 CG-00 COA-01

DLOS-03 CCO-00 OTPE-00 FCC-01 OCE-00 BIB-01 L-02

OIC-02 /049 W

----- 094486

R 081722Z JAN 75

FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5349

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE OTTAWA 0049

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETEL, TSPA, XG, UR, AS, CA, JA

SUBJ: MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE SYSTEM

REF: STATE 617

J.S. STANFORD, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, LEGAL ADVISORY DIVISION,  
EXTAFF, ON JANUARY 7 ADVISED TCO GOC WOULD WELCOME VISIT  
BY US TEAM AND INDICATED EARLY DATE WOULD BE  
ESPECIALLY DESIRABLE IN VIEW OF MECHANICS FOR SECURING  
CABINET APPROVAL DELEGATION PSOTIONS. UNDER STANDING  
REGULATIONS INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM OUTLINING  
PROPOSED MAJOR POSITIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED THREE  
MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF CONFERENCE OPENING. THIS WOULD  
BE LATTER PART OF JANUARY. IT IS DIFFICULT TO MAKE  
CHANGES IN THESE PROPOSED POSITIONS AFTER SUBMISSION  
UNLESS THERE DEVELOPS INTERMINISTERIAL DISAGREEMENT.  
AT PRESENT TIME INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE IS WORKING  
ON ITS MEMORANDUM, AND THERE IS A SUBCOMMITTEE  
DISCUSSING NATURE OF PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATION WHICH STANFORD EXPECTS WOULD BE MAIN  
AREA OF CONCERN TO US TEAM.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 OTTAWA 00049 081757Z

2. PRESENT SUBCOMMITTEE THINKING IS THAT ASSUMING A MARITIME SATELLITE SYSTEM IS TO BE ESTABLISHED THERE SHOULD BE A SMALL INDEPENDENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH POLICY AND WOULD CONTRACT OUT FOR THE SUPPLY OF TECHNICAL SERVICES. IF THE US HOPES TO DISSUADE THE GOC FROM TAKING THIS APPROACH BILATERAL TALKS SHOULD TAKE PLACE EARLY (PERHAPS IN JANUARY) RATHER THAN LATER. STANFORD INDICATED HIS EXPECTATION THAT THE FULL INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE (CHAIRER BY EARL F. PORTER, DIRECTOR GENERAL, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS BUREAU, MOT, AND INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF FINANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS AS WELL AS EXTAFF) WILL ALSO ENDORSE THIS APPROACH BUT STATED THAT THIS IS NOT COMPLETELY ASSURED AT THIS POINT IN TIME.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION PORTER EMPHASIZED PRESENT GREAT FLEXIBILITY ON PART OF GOC AND EUROPE IN THIS AREA. ALTHOUGH HE VERIFIED THE RIGIDITY OF CABINET MECHANISMS, HE INDICATED HOPE THAT CANDEL AT LONDON CONFERENCE WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE SUCH FLEXIBILITY. (THERE APPEARED TO BE A DIFFERENCE IN EMPHASIS BETWEEN STANFORD AND PORTER ON THIS POINT). THE MAJOR CONSTRAINT ON THE CANADIAN POSITION, PORTER STATED, WOULD PROBABLY BE THE FINANCIAL ONE IN THAT GOC WOULD FAVOR AN ORGANIZATIONAL SYSTEM WHICH WOULD BE LEAST COSTLY. WHILE THIS DID NOT LOCK GOC INTO THE POSITION BEING DEVELOPED BY ITS SUBCOMMITTEE, IT DID APPEAR TO RULE OUT SUPPORT FOR ANY EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A LARGE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION PROVIDING FULL TECHNICAL SERVICES AS THIS WOULD BE TOO COSTLY AN ENTERPRISE. PORTER LIKEWISE INDICATED ACTIVE INTEREST IN EARLY MEETING WITH US TEAM BUT INDICATED THAT UNLESS THIS IS SCHEDULED BEFORE JANUARY 23 HE PERSONALLY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND. (HE IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN AUSTRALIA THE WEEK OF JANUARY 27 FOR AN AEROSAT MEETING, ON VACATION IN FLORIDA THROUGH MOST OF FEBRUARY, AND TO DEPART FOR ANOTHER AEROSAT MEETING IN SPAIN ON MARCH 1.)

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 OTTAWA 00049 081757Z

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY ENDORSES SUGGESTION THAT TALKS WITH GOC BE SCHEDULED EARLY IN HOPE THAT WE CAN THUS AVOID GOC BEING LOCKED INTO POSITIONS OPPOSED TO THOSE OF US AT APRIL IMCO CONFERENCE AND WHICH WE MIGHT NOW HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE FAVORABLY. SHOULD WASHINGTON TEAM BE UNABLE SCHEDULE EARLY VISIT TO OTTAWA, EMBASSY WILLING UNDERTAKE PRELIMINARY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS UPON RECEIPT OF APPROPRIATE

GUIDANCE. PORTER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** COMMUNICATION SATELLITES, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 08 JAN 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** MorefiRH  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975OTTAWA00049  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750008-0089  
**From:** OTTAWA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750169/aaaacivg.tel  
**Line Count:** 116  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EB  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 75 STATE 617  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** MorefiRH  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05 MAY 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <05 MAY 2003 by SmithRJ>; APPROVED <16 MAY 2003 by MorefiRH>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE SYSTEM  
**TAGS:** ETEL, TSPA, XG, UR, AS, CA, JA, US, (STANFORD, J S), (PORTER, EARL F)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006